

# Media Release

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### ***YCSO Deputy Seizes 50 pounds of Marijuana during Traffic Stop***

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On August 3, 2016, around 10:30 PM, a YCSO deputy stopped a green 2006 Honda Ridgeline with Texas plates for several moving violations on east I40, Ash Fork, Arizona. The 32-year-old female driver was travelling with a passenger, 31-year-old Elder Cardenas and 3 children, ages 7,6, and 1. The family is from Texas. While speaking with the driver, the deputy could smell a strong odor of fresh marijuana coming from the Honda's interior.

The passenger, Cardenas, was asked if there was anything illegal in the vehicle or if anyone had been smoking marijuana and he replied, "No." Cardenas agreed to let the deputy search the vehicle and while looking for the source of the odor, the deputy found 35 sealed packages of marijuana inside a luggage container lying in the bed of the vehicle. At this point, Cardenas admitted to possession of the marijuana load which he stated was on its way to Texas from California. As the search continued, deputies found an additional 15 packages of marijuana in a bag under the back seat. The total weight of marijuana exceeded 50 pounds.

Cardenas was placed under arrest for charges including Transportation of Marijuana and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. He was booked at the Camp Verde Detention Center and remains in-custody on a \$30,000 bond.



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